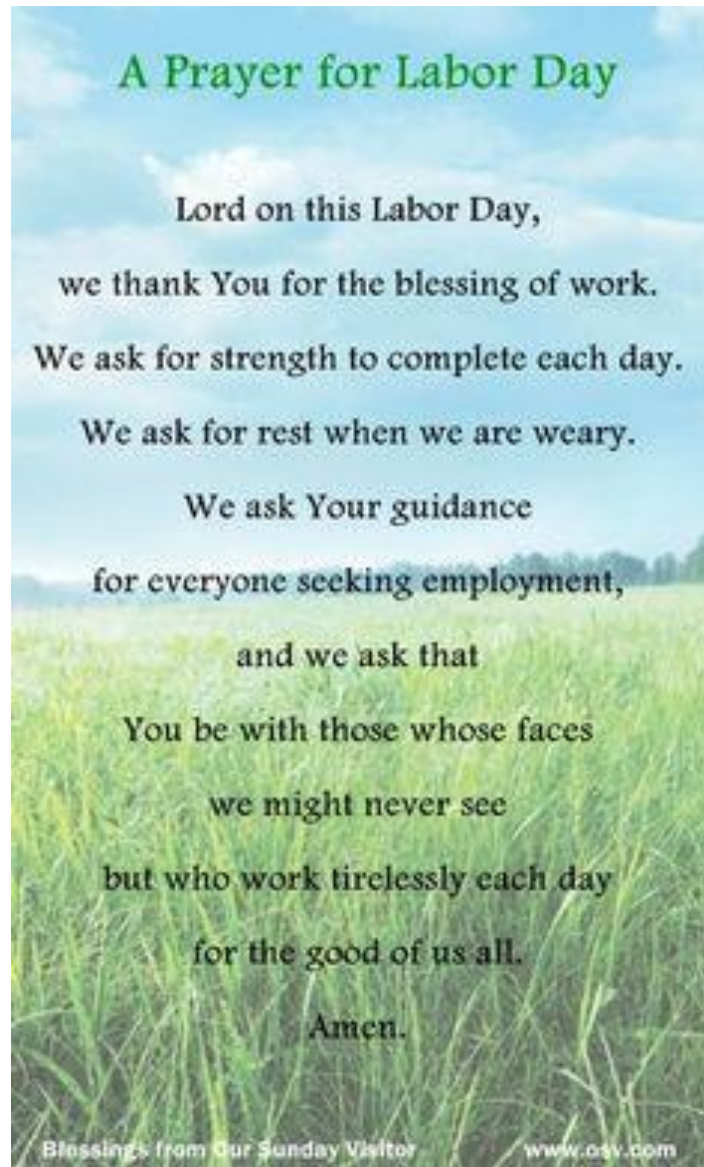


Grace Episcopal Church  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024



*Season of Pentecost 2024*

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
9:30 am

*Processional:*

*For the beauty of the earth*

Hymnal # 416 (vs.1-3)

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; 5. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 6. For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord, 7. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

BCP 218

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

BCP 357

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."

## **Psalm 45: 1-2,7-10**

### *Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 **M**y heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## **James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Sequence Hymn

*Help us, O Lord, to learn*

Hymnal #628

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**The Sermon**

**Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker**

**Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**Prayers of the People**

Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For The Rev. Michael Curry, Our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-elect and The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, our Bishop; and for bishops and ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. ***Amen.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Aaron Lephart, Valerie Lephart, Margaret, Gerald Brothers, Ray, Beth, Belle, Cheri L., Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew and Janice, Jeanne K., Pat &

Ray Newyear, Sheila S., Deb B., Carolyn Stacks, George & Sandra Luther, Chuck Yaichner, Chris Junda, Tim Mackey, John and Joyce Hoste, Bev & Ken Schutt, Susan S., Mark S., Mary, Tara T., Frank Burkacki, Lucille P., Kathy Hill, Caroline H., Jeanne Schupp, Shirley Wilkes, Jennifer M., Joe, Amelia Nash, Karen, Sarah, and Margaret G., Drake, Willow, Luke B., Amber D., Bill Lang, Cathy Waller, Paul Moore, Bob, Billy Stoldt, Katana E., Jeannine Wendorff, Jamie Seymour and Riley Gumto.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We celebrate the birthday of Maggie Ores. The flower on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Thomas Jamieson Trump, the great grandson of Frank and Peggy Burkacki.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Lector and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; And so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**To the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Announcement**

## **Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn**

***Before thy throne, O God, we kneel***

**Hymnal #574**

**The Doxology**

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

S-130

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

S-138

*Celebrant and People*  
 We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
 rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Great Amen

S-147

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Hymn

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

Hymnal #660

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP366

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Hymnal #423

The Dismissal

BCP 366

## Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love with the world.

Serving	Today
Celebrant	The Reverend Jeff Baker
Altar Guild	Peggy Burkacki, Lynn Kramp, Nancy Brothers
9:30 am Lectors	Harry Dodds Peggy Burkacki
9:30 am Chalice Bearer	Harry Dodds
9:30 am Crucifer	Greg Mackey
9:30 am Usher	Kathy Hill
9:30 am Zoom Host	Konnor Thompson
Music:	Scott Arra and Pop-up Choir

### Updates and Reminders

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup> is the last day** for Pop-Up Choir please feel free to join us on Sunday! We gather at 9am. Warm-up our voices with the songs God wants us to share. Then during the service we pop-up with a Joyful noise!!

Also!! **Choir Practice will start up again Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Come warm-up and learn some beautiful music with us!!

Update from the Vestry on the progress of the Search Committee. The OTM questions are complete and have been submitted to the Vestry on August 11<sup>th</sup> for approval. Work is being done to update the Grace Website. The search committee meets twice a month. Beth Sphatt is your contact person.

Mark your calendars now- **Feast of Grace** is being planned for Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>-2024!!! Sign-up sheet is on the dry-erase community board in lobby.

The Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet is in the hallway for 2024, please consider signing up Altar Flowers are a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the many blessings we have. Flower arrangements for a Sunday are \$40. Please note more than one person/family can sign up for the same Sunday.

Please sign-up for a Sunday to **Host Coffee Hour** after the service. Provide a tray of a yummy treat(cookies, brownies, fruit etc..) make coffee. Put out water and juice. Then clean up.



## This Week at Grace

Sun, 1-September

**9:30 am** **Eucharist with Music** **Sanctuary**

**11 am** **Worship mtg**

3-5pm Gaining Independence(Social skills Grp) **Gathering Rm**

5 pm Scouts BSA **Undercroft**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts **Undercroft**

Mon, 2-September

**Labor Day**

**Office Closed**

7:30 pm NA Meeting **Undercroft**

Tues, 3-September

**5:30 pm** **Finance** **Gathering Rm**

**7 p** **Bible Study** **Online, link on website**

7 p GA **Undercroft**

7:30 p AA **Undercroft**

Wed, 4-September

**10 am** **Group Study** **Online, link on website**

3:30 p Gaining Independence(Social skills Grp) **Undercroft**

**6:30 p** **Outreach/Evangelism** **Gathering Rm**

Thu, 5-September

7 p GA **Undercroft**

7:30 p AA **Undercroft**

Fri, 6-September

**12 noon** **Social Hour** **Online, link on website**

7:30 p AA **Undercroft**

Sat, 7-September

Sun, 8-September

**9:30 am** **Eucharist with Music** **Sanctuary**

2 p Eagle Advancement **Meeting Rm**

5 pm Scouts BSA **Undercroft**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts **Undercroft**



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#### Staff

Interim Rector -The Rev. J. Jeffrey Baker  
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Vestry members and officers for 2024.

**Senior Warden:** Walt Iliff

**Junior Warden:** Phil Davis

**Vestry:** Nancy Brothers, Kathy Hill, Thora Scott\*, Beth Sphatt, Dave Zimmerman

**Treasurer/Clerk:** Elizabeth Estep

**Asst Treasurer:** Harry Dodds

\* Cathy Nash resigned as she is moving away. Thora Scott will complete her term.

#### Grace Search Committee

Dawson Moorer, Search Consultant

Konnor Thompson, Mary Miragliotta, Peggy Burkacki, Ray Sphatt, and Greg Mackey

**Anyone interested** in more information about the **Episcopal Church**, becoming a **member, being received**, this book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: **Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices**. Let Fr. Jeff know or leave a message with the office. 440-942-1015 [office@gracewilloughby.org](mailto:office@gracewilloughby.org)